WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Foreign Employment Bureaus in various States

†*304. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of LABOUR, AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of Foreign Employment Bureaus situated in the country;

(b) the details of number of people who have been registered under this bureau in Haryana during the last one and a half year; and

(c) the number of people in Haryana who have been provided employment abroad by the Government under this Bureau and the information regarding each person alongwith details thereof.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The information is not centrally maintained.

(b) and (c) As per the information given by the State Government, total number of persons registered with Overseas Placement Bureau, Haryana is 4849. 11 persons are stated to have been placed in Dubai so far out of which 10 persons have been placed as labourers and 1 as welder.

Achievement of targets by DRDO

†*305. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) which has been entrusted with the responsibility of development and research of defence equipments has failed to achieve its targets;

(b) the targets of DRDO laid down in the Tenth Plan and the total percentage of success achieved by DRDO in its targets out of the targets set for it so far;

(c) the success achieved by DRDO in developing an Advanced Arjun Tank and light fighter plane and the total expenditure incurred in this head; and

(d) whether the army has put a question mark on the quality of the Arjun Tank developed by DRDO?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (d) DRDO has developed many systems and sub-systems, which have been accepted by the Armed Forces and are in use by them. Apart from excellent contributions to the strategic programmes, it has developed missiles, radars, sonars, an advanced weapon system, unmanned aircrafts, command and control system, NBC reconnaissance vehicle, logistic systems, like Armoured Engineer Reconnaissance Vehicle, Multi-span Mobile Bridging system, etc. Projects on Electronic Warfare,

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